



UNITED STATES  
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20555

SAFETY EVALUATION BY THE OFFICE OF NUCLEAR REACTOR REGULATION  
RELATED TO AMENDMENT NO. 113 TO PROVISIONAL OPERATING LICENSE NO. DPR-13

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON COMPANY

SAN DIEGO GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY

SAN ONOFRE NUCLEAR GENERATING STATION, UNIT NO. 1

DOCKET NO. 50-206

1.0 INTRODUCTION

By letter dated April 28, 1988, Southern California Edison Company (SCE or the licensee) requested a change to the Technical Specifications appended to Provisional Operating License No. DPR-13 for operation of San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station, Unit No. 1 in San Diego County, California.

2.0 DISCUSSION AND EVALUATION

Technical Specification 4.13 currently requires that the turbine building deck be subjected to a structural load test and visual inspection at least once per four years. This test and inspection is conducted to assure that the turbine deck continues to be able to safely carry the loads associated with the spent fuel cask using the air pallet system across the turbine deck.

By letter dated April 28, 1988, the licensee applied for NRC approval to use a different spent fuel cask and a different load path. The licensee also requested that the technical specification be deleted since the air pallet system would no longer be used.

By letter dated September 21, 1988, SCE advised NRC that the turbine deck load test is due to be conducted by November 11, 1988. Staff personnel at SCE advised NRC that approval of the April 28 amendment request would be needed by November 11 so that SCE would not have to do the structural test. Since NRC review of all aspects of the new transshipment method is not complete, NRC has concluded that it would be acceptable to approve deletion of technical specification 4.13 now so as to allow the licensee not to conduct the structural load test. Since the load test is only needed for using the air pallet and this amendment prohibits further use of the air pallet, deletion of specification 4.13 is acceptable.

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### 3.0 ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATION

A Notice of Consideration of Issuance of Amendment and Opportunity for Hearing in connection with this action was published in the Federal Register on June 24, 1988 (53 FR 23820). No request for hearing or petition for leave to intervene was received.

Pursuant to 10 CFR 51.21, 51.32, and 51.35, an environmental assessment and finding of no significant impact have been prepared and published in the Federal Register on November 3, 1988 (53 FR 44535). Accordingly, based upon the environmental assessment, the Commission has determined that the issuance of this amendment will not have a significant effect on the quality of the human environment.

### 4.0 CONCLUSION

We have concluded, based on the considerations discussed above, that:

- (1) there is reasonable assurance that the health and safety of the public will not be endangered by operation in the proposed manner,
- (2) such activities will be conducted in compliance with the Commission's regulations and
- (3) the issuance of this amendment will not be inimical to the common defense and security or to the health and safety of the public.

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Dated: November 8, 1988